

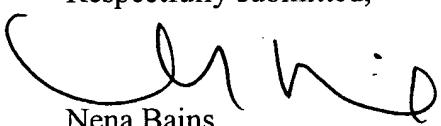
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have amended the specification so that the first paragraph under the heading "Cross-References to Related Applications" now correctly claims priority to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/301,561 pursuant to the requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78 and the Petition to accept an unintentionally delayed domestic priority claim for the benefit of a prior filed application, submitted concurrently herewith.

Further, Applicants have amended the specification so that it correctly disclaims priority to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/991,368. In particular, there is no co-pendency or continuity of inventorship between the present application and the '368 application. Hence, the present application is not entitled to the benefit of priority from the '368 application as the requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 120 have not been fulfilled. The entire delay in disclaiming priority was unintentional.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants request that the Petition be granted and a Corrected Filing Receipt be issued denoting the correct domestic priority data as set forth above in this amendment and Petition. If it is believed that a telephone conference would expedite processing, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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